

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2, 5-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Matsushita (JP 2001-121210); claims 4, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Matsushita in view of McCoy (U.S. Patent No. 6,752,646); claims 1-2, 5-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Matsushita in view of Moore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,290,528); and claims 4, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Matsushita in view of McCoy and Moore. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, none of the applied references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest a cabinet for refrigeration compressor delimiting an inner space designed to receive electrical and electronic components that includes at least one support and a cap, wherein the cap has seals on at least part of its edge and the side wall of the compressor is in direct contact with the inner space of the cabinet to cool the cabinet and the electrical and electronic components, as recited in independent claim 1.

Matsushita teaches a cord clamp having an insertion part clamped by insertion to an attachment part formed underneath a bracket which fixes a protective cover with two clamp parts integrally formed with movable parts mutually hinged by hinge parts at the base of the insertion piece to clamp a power supply wire and a control wire (Novelty). Moreover, Matsushita teaches that the support 8 (Fig. 5) is positioned so as to prevent a direct contact between the side wall of the compressor and the inner space of the cabinet. Accordingly, there is no direct contact between the side wall of the compressor and the inner space of the cabinet. Thus, the support 8 prevents an efficient heat exchange between the side wall of the compressor and the inner space of the cabinet, and thus prevents cooling of the cabinet and any components included in the cabinet. Accordingly, Matsushita does not disclose or

suggest that the side wall of the compressor is in direct contact with the inner space of the cabinet to cool the cabinet and the electrical and electronic components, as recited in independent claim 1.

Moreover, Matsushita does not disclose a cap having seals on at least part of its edge in contact with the side wall of the compressor.

Moore teaches a compressor with a fluid tight electrical connector sealed against the compressor housing and a cable attached to the connector housing (Abstract). Moreover, Moore teaches that the main housing body 36, which forms a part of the connector 24 (Fig. 3; col. 2, lines 41-46), prevents a direct contact between the side wall of the compressor 20 and the inner space of the connector housing 24. Thus, the main housing body 36 is not in direct contact with the inner space of the connector. Thus, the main housing body 36 prevents a sufficient heat exchange between the side wall of the compressor 20 and the inner side of the connector 24. Accordingly, Moore fails to cure deficiencies in Matsushita in disclosing or rendering obvious the features of independent claim 1.

McCoy teaches a compressor plug cap assembly with a compressor plug and a fence member, the compressor plug having a first plug side face and an opposing second plug side face, the first plug side face configured for operative association with a compressor (Abstract). However, McCoy fails to cure deficiencies in Matsushita and Moore in disclosing or rendering obvious that the side wall of the compressor is in direct contact with the inner space of the cabinet to cool the cabinet and the electrical and electronic components, as recited in independent claim 1.

For at least these reasons, independent claim 1, and its dependent claims, are patentable over a combination of the applied references. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-2 and 4-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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